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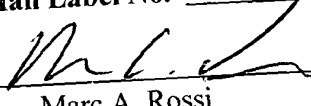
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Enclosed are:

- ☒ FIFTEEN (15) sheets of formal drawings, Figures 1-15.
- ☐ An Assignment of the invention to CANON KABUSHIKI KAISHA
- ☒ The application claims priority from Japanese Application 2002-289138 filed October 1, 2002.
- ☐ A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.
- ☐ A Declaration and Power of Attorney.
- ☐ A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 37 CFR 1.27.

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